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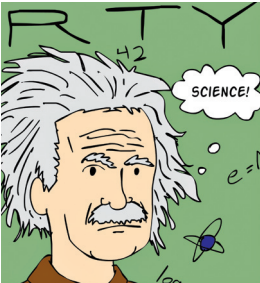
**NASA Orion Program** Larry Price of Lockheed Martin Space Systems discusses NASA's new Orion spacecraft, which will serve as an exploration vehicle to carry space crews to space, provide emergency abort capability, sustain the crew during the space travel and provide safe reentry from deep-space return velocities. This lecture is free to students, faculty and staff. It will be held inside Woolrich Laboratories (WRW) 102 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

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### 83RD LEGISLATURE

## Committee requests regent correspondence

**By Joshua Fechter**

A joint legislative committee announced Tuesday that they have requested information from the UT System Board of Regents necessary to investigate allegations that the board is "micromanaging" adminis-

trative decisions at UT.

Speaking at the first meeting of the relaunched Joint Oversight Committee on Higher Education Governance, Excellence, and Transparency, Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas and committee co-chairman, said he wishes to maintain a positive image of the state's

higher education institutions. To do so, it is important to understand how university systems govern their institutions and if the governance structure needs to change, Branch said.

"It would be my hope that the point here is to not create any harm to any particular system, certainly

not to our state, and see if we can calmly and deliberately improve the situation at this one particular system and by application improve governance at all of our systems," Branch said.

The information requests, addressed to Board of Regents Chairman Gene Powell, seek a variety of

communications and records between regents, System employees and University employees with a focus on communications sent "at the direction of a regent."

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus relaunched the joint

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### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



**Becca Gamache** | Daily Texan Staff

Mark Esslinger of the Austin Amateur Radio Club assists students with a solar powered telescope during NASA Day on Tuesday afternoon at the Capitol.

## NASA educates at Capitol

**By Zach Lozano**

NASA hosted Space Day at the Capitol on Tuesday to publicize the future of continued space exploration and educate students and children.

The event included robotics demonstrations, space vehicles and hands-on activities including straw rockets and hover

crafts. Space Day featured an interactive exhibit called Driven to Explore, which allowed visitors to touch a piece of the moon and explore current space endeavors.

"We want to show the public that just because we aren't going anywhere in space, we still have a lot going on," said Ashle Robinson, a spokeswoman for Johnson Space

Center. "This is a time to salute and celebrate space exploration."

Robinson said the purpose of the event, which included a nationally traveling exhibit, was to expose people to Texas Aerospace Scholars. The program has representatives from community colleges, high schools, middle schools. To participate in the program, students are

nominated by a state legislator then scholars spend time at the Johnson Space Center working with science and technology.

"It's important to engage kids in NASA and get them excited," said Katelyn Wamsted, program director of Girlstart. "Getting kids to play and think outside the

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### ALUMNI

## UT alumna prepares for mission to space station

**By Hannah Jane DeCintiis**

The 50th woman in space and UT alumna Karen Nyberg is preparing to take off in two months for a six-month mission to the International Space Station.

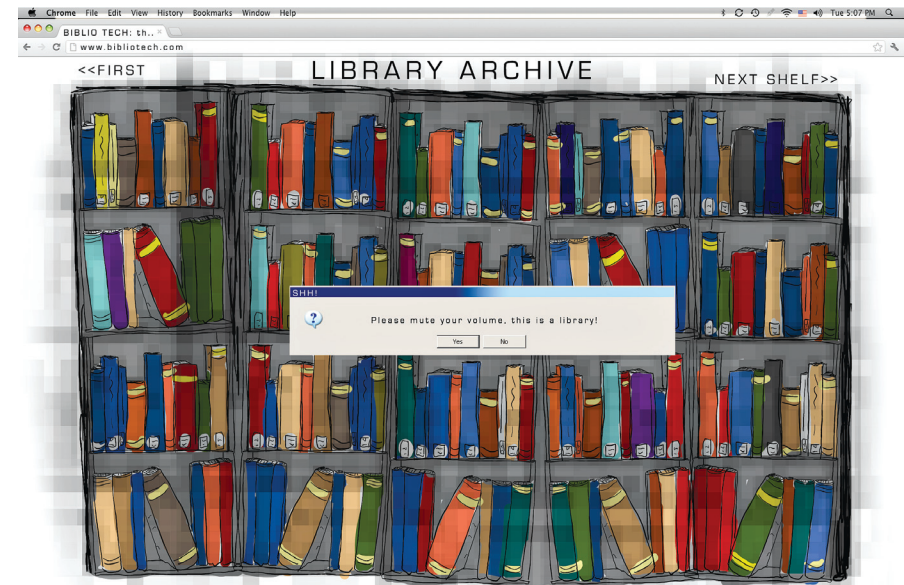
Nyberg will launch for the space station on May 28 with Luca Parmitano of Italy and Fyodor Yurchikhin of Russia for the Expedition 36-37 mission. They will comprise three members of the expedition's six-member crew. The other three are already on the space station.

Nyberg studied mechanical engineering as an undergraduate at North Dakota State University and earned her master's and doctorate degrees from UT in 1996 and 1998, respectively. The resources and faculty available at UT were valuable parts of how her career has taken shape, Nyberg said during a press conference Tuesday at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

"I was actually able to work directly with people at NASA while I was in graduate school, and I think that was valuable," Nyberg said. "I think my advisor at UT was an incredible person and

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### CAMPUS



**Illustration by Hanna Hadidi** | Daily Texan Staff

## UT e-book collection on the rise

**By Mark Carrion**

In addition to the sheer number of books lining the shelves of UT Libraries, hundreds of thousands more are stored unseen in the form of e-books.

For UT Libraries, the rise of the digital age has involved transitioning from exclusively print content to also offering e-books that form the cores of UT's digital databases.

"Today, we offer access to over 750,000 e-books and texts, and add more every day, in addition to tens of thousands of electronic journals and databases of digital content to support research in every subject and department at UT," said Susan, the interim collection development officer at the UT Libraries.

Macicak said UT Libraries began to offer online material in the form of electronic journals in the early

'90s. E-books were slower to follow, but eventually gained popularity through their benefits over print copies, Macicak said.

E-books require fewer staff and labor hours, which would have been spent binding, labeling, repairing, shelving and maintaining a precise preservation temperature for paper materials, according to Macicak. Most significantly, e-books

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### WORLD

## UT students experience Vatican during conclave

**By Christine Ayala**

During the conclave to select a new leader of the Roman Catholic Church, several UT students joined crowds of tourists at the Vatican hoping to snap a picture or grab a souvenir to commemorate the event.

Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio from Argentina was selected as the new pope of the

Catholic Church on March 13, taking the name Francis. He is the first Jesuit priest to be named pope and replaces Pope Benedict XVI, who resigned from the position in February.

Social work sophomore Emma Thompson, who was raised Catholic, was visiting Italy for spring break at the time of the

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**Angelo Carconi** | Associated Press

Pope Francis is driven through the crowd in his popemobile in St. Peter's Square for his inauguration Mass at the Vatican on Tuesday, March 19, 2013.



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**Shelby Tauber** | Daily Texan Staff

Roe Rodriguez cleans windows downtown Tuesday afternoon.

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committee last month after regents initially questioned UT President William Powers Jr. during a Feb. 13 board meeting.

The week after the board meeting, the Texas Legislature passed three resolutions defending and honoring Powers, culminating in a ceremony on the Senate floor. During an emotional testimony, Dewhurst decried the regents for “micromanaging” Powers.

Powell released a statement later that week defending the regents and saying that Dewhurst’s allegations “surely had to be the result of misinformation and were either incorrect or inaccurate.”

Two weeks ago, Pedro Reyes, executive vice chancellor for academic affairs at the UT System, emailed Powers instructing him to refrain from deleting emails in or accessed by the Office of the President over the course of the pending audit review of the UT Law School Foundation. Powers asked Larry Sager, former dean of the School of Law, to resign in December 2011 after it was revealed that Sager obtained \$500,000 in forgivable personal loans from the UT Law School Foundation.

Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxa-



**Becca Gamache** | Daily Texan Staff

Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, speaks at a hearing for the Joint Select Oversight Committee on Higher Education, Governance, Excellence, and Transparency on Tuesday afternoon at the Capitol.

hachie, said Tuesday that regents are engaging in an effort to oust Powers that is distracting from the mission to administrate UT.

“I think there’s a witch hunt after witch hunt after witch hunt to try to remove one of our best presidents in the state of Texas, of our universities,” Pitts said. “And, I hope that we’ll be able to end these witch hunts and put this to bed so that the president of a tier-one university can govern that university and not have interference from the Board of Regents.”

Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo and committee co-chairman, said higher education institutions’ mission to achieve excellence is hindered when they are embroiled in controversy, which the committee aims to address.

“Excellence is very seldom achieved by controversy or by rumor and things like that,” Seliger said.

Last month, Seliger filed a bill that would limit regents’ authority over the individual institutions they govern. It would amend state law to say that all duties and responsibilities not specifically granted to university systems or governing boards of those university systems fall under the authority of the individual institutions of that system.

Seliger, who also chairs the Senate Higher Education Committee, said his committee will examine the bill within the next two weeks.

“There’s no point in waiting. We want to get it moving,” Seliger said.

## NASA

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box will help in motivating them to explore fields in [science, technology, engineering and math].”

Girlstart, Girls Inc. and Girl Scouts raised awareness for the underrepresentation of women in science and engineering during Space Day.

Mechanical engineering senior Kaitlynn Hall said events that encourage students to pursue science and engineering majors are beneficial regardless of gender, however, girls have become the target audience to reach because of their low representation.

“In grades four, five and

## SPACE

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very supportive. I love Austin and I love UT, so it was a great experience.”

During the conference Nyberg talked about her mental and physical preparation for the six-month stay in space and how she will spend her time while she is there. Nyberg said there is no way to truly mentally prepare for this type of journey, but she plans to take trinkets from home as a way to remain close with her husband and son. She also plans to continue several of her hobbies including sewing and drawing as leisure activities while aboard the station.

Nyberg said she is considering various forms of social media as a way to share her experiences with those on Earth.

“I haven’t decided yet whether I’ll do Twitter, but I have been using Pinterest for a couple of years and absolutely love it because of my other hobbies,” Nyberg said. “I think it would be neat to add onto that while I’m there, if I can. Definitely we’re going to do as much as we can to share what we’re doing up there with the rest of the world.”

Nyberg said her previous experience running marathons correlates well to both the physical and mental aspects of taking such a long journey away from her family.

six girls begin to lose interest in [science, technology, engineering and math] fields,” Hall said. “Girls need to get excited and know that they can do it.”

Although events such as the one held at the Capitol are key in helping students become encouraged in areas of science, Hall said the public needs to always encourage science and engineering. If others think engineers are nerds, then children may be turned off from pursuing a career such as engineering, Hall said.

“The public needs to stop conforming to typical stereotypes — such as engineers are nerds,” Hall said. “They need to focus on capability and the innovative things that come out of engineering.”



**Karen Nyberg**

UT Alumna

“I think one thing marathons teach you is, invariably, when you’re in the middle of a marathon, somewhere between mile 15 and 25, there comes a point when you just can’t stand it anymore and want to quit really badly,” Nyberg said. “You find a way to power through and at the end you’re so happy you did it.”

Rebekah Sosland, aerospace engineering senior and treasurer for Women In Aerospace for Leadership and Development, said Nyberg is a role model for young women around the world who want to develop their passion for science and engineering.

“Women going into space is an incredible part of history and I think that having Karen represent that population is really important, especially to young women and girls out there,” Sosland said. “They need to realize that if they love math and science and engineering, they can be a part of it and there’s nothing holding them back from that. The men’s world that it used to be, that’s no longer the case.”

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provide reliable access to content at any time during any day, she said.

UT Libraries began their digital transition in 1989 when the Balcones Library Service Center, an outpost of the Engineering Library, adopted an electronic database called CASSIS that contained patent and trademark information. The Engineering Library became UT’s first all-electronic library. To access the

database users had to load indexes into a computer via multiple CD-ROMs, and patent information was stored on microfilm.

Today’s UT Libraries provide a more modern process to search databases. Students can search online via portals in the UT Libraries’ website that filter by subject, with each subject having a reference to a librarian who is a specialist in that field. In addition, students can use the search platform scoUT to browse more than 100 million records from media including journals, art images, student theses, music and video recordings.

Librarian Amy Rushing oversees the University’s Digital Repository — a collection of student theses and dissertations, faculty research and department records students can search through.

“We created a digital repository back in 2008,” Rushing said. “The [records] in the repository are for the most part only available electronically.”

Maciacak said the proportion of print material to electronic material has been decreasing over the years because of the increasing availability of e-books from suppliers.

“Primary emphasis is on acquiring current materials, with a special emphasis on increasing access to online scholarly resources,” Maciacak said. “Online access is preferred when it is determined to best meet the needs of the Libraries’ users.”

With an increasing role in UT Libraries’ resources, electronic records comprise a growing proportion of the Libraries’ budget. Maciacak said about 60 to 65 percent of the collection budget is now dedicated to acquiring electronic resources. UT Libraries spokesman Travis Willmann said UT’s total collection budget for the 2011-2012 school year amounted to roughly \$14.8 million.

In addition to the large expenditures on electronic resources, Maciacak said the Libraries will continue to offer print content in the future.

“It’s obvious that a blend of formats is still very essential to supporting the range of research and teaching of an institution like UT,” Maciacak said.

With finals and research projects coming up at the end of the semester, students may find the array of both print and electronic resources at UT’s libraries helpful with studying and research. Meanwhile the Libraries will continue to add e-books and electronic records to their various databases.

“Technology enables new ways of working with content and it will be exciting to see where this takes us in the next few decades,” Maciacak said.

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## NEWS BRIEFLY

### Art stolen by Nazis returned to owner

PARIS — Tom Selldorff was 6 years old when he saw his grandfather’s prized art collection for the last time in 1930s Vienna, before it fell into Nazi hands.

Now, he’s 84 — and in a ceremony in Paris on Tuesday, the American was finally given back a piece of his late grandfather’s memory: France has returned six of his stolen family masterpieces.

The restitution of the works — including paintings by Alessandro Longhi and Sebastiano Ricci — is part of France’s ongoing effort to return hundreds of looted artworks that Jewish owners lost during the war that still hang in museums. The move ends years of struggle for Selldorff, whose claims were validated by the French government last year after years of researching the fates of the works.

### Medical assistant cuts babies’ spines

PHILADELPHIA — A medical assistant told a jury Tuesday that she snipped the spines of at least 10 babies during unorthodox abortions at a West Philadelphia clinic, at the direction of the clinic’s owner.

And she said Dr. Kermit Gosnell and another employee did the same to terminate pregnancies.

Adrienne Moton’s testimony came in the capital murder trial of Gosnell, who owned the clinic and is on trial in the deaths of a patient and seven babies. Prosecutors accuse him of killing late-term, viable babies after they were delivered alive, in violation of state abortion laws.

Gosnell’s lawyer disputes that any babies were born alive and challenges the gestational age of the aborted fetuses.

### NYPD to be monitored by inspector general

NEW YORK — City lawmakers reached a deal Tuesday to install an inspector general to monitor the New York Police Department, a plan galvanized by outrage over its extensive use of the tactic known as stop and frisk and its widespread spying on Muslims.

The movement on the measures comes amid a federal trial over the department’s use of stop and frisk, and it follows a series of stories by The Associated Press that revealed how city police systematically listened in on sermons, hung out at cafes and other public places, infiltrated colleges and photographed people as part of a broad effort to prevent terrorist attacks.

### Hungarian journalist asked to return award

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Hungary’s Minister of Human Resources has asked a journalist to return a state award he received Friday after Israel and the United States complained about disparaging remarks he had made earlier about Gypsies and Jews.

Minister Zoltan Balog has said he made a mistake by giving the Mihaly Tancsis prize to Ferenc Szaniszló, a former foreign correspondent.

In 2011, Hungary’s media authorities fined the station 500,000 forints (\$2,200) because of Szanilo’s comments which, for example, said Gypsies — or Roma — were monkeys and social parasites.

In a letter to Szaniszló released on his website late Tuesday, Balog asked Szaniszló to “kindly” return the award.

—Compiled from Associated Press reports

# Wall Street holds its own

By **Steve Rothwell**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The latest twists in Europe’s debt drama weighed down the stock market Tuesday, offsetting more good news on the U.S. housing market.

The Dow Jones industrial average managed a gain of just four points, while other indexes closed slightly lower. Investors were focused on Cyprus, where the Mediterranean country’s lawmakers voted against a proposed bailout plan for banks that would have called for raiding the savings accounts of ordinary citizens, setting a precedent in Europe’s ongoing debt crisis. The vote happened 90 minutes before U.S. markets closed, at 2:30 p.m. Eastern time.

The plan was rejected — with zero votes in favor — even after being changed to lessen the burden on savers with lower balances. The vote leaves Cyprus’ bailout from international lenders in question. Cyprus is seeking \$15.8 billion to fund its government and its banks. Without the money, both could collapse, and the country could wind up leaving the union of 17 countries that use the euro.

“The concern in the market is that they could



Richard Drew | Associated Press

A pair of traders confer on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Tuesday. A surprisingly strong increase in new home construction is sending stocks higher in early trading on Wall Street.

default or they could be forced out of the euro zone and that would create a precedent,” said Alec Young, a global equity strategist with S&P Capital IQ. “The selling, though, is fairly contained, and that tells you most people think there will be some kind of compromise reached.”

The Dow and other U.S.

indexes started higher following a report of a surprisingly large increase in home construction in February. The index gained as much as 62 points in morning trading.

It turned lower at midday as Cyprus’ parliament began debating the contentious plan demanded by the country’s lenders to seize as much

as 10 percent of the funds in savings accounts. The market steadied in the afternoon after the vote occurred.

The eurozone’s debt crisis still has the power to captivate stock global markets, but investors worry about it less these days after European Central Bank President Mario Draghi pledged last year to do

“whatever it takes” to preserve the euro.

On Tuesday, the Dow rose 3.76 points, or 0.03 percent, to close at 14,455.82.

Other major market indexes fell. The Standard & Poor’s 500 fell 3.76 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,548.34. The Nasdaq composite fell 8.50 points, or 0.3 percent, to 3,229.10.



Photo by Syrian Arab News Agency

A Syrian victim who suffered an alleged chemical attack in the village of Khan al-Assal, according to SANA, receives treatment from doctors at a hospital in Aleppo, Syria, on Tuesday.

# Syria, rebels accuse each other of chemical attack on village

By **Albert Aji & Ben Hubbard**

Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria — Syria’s government and rebels traded accusations Tuesday of a chemical attack on a northern village for the first time in the civil war, although the U.S. said there was no evidence it had happened.

The use of such weapons would be a nightmare scenario in the 2-year-old conflict that has killed an estimated 70,000 people, and the competing claims showed a willingness by both sides to go to new levels to seek support from world powers.

One of the international community’s biggest concerns is that Syria’s arsenal of chemical weapons could be used by one side or the other, or could fall into the hands of foreign jihadi fighters among the rebels or the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, which is allied with the regime of President Bashar Assad.

President Barack Obama has declared the use, deployment or transfer of the weapons would be a “red line” for possible military intervention by the U.S. in the Syrian conflict.

The accusations emerged only a few hours after the Syrian opposition elected a prime minister to

head an interim government that would rule areas seized by rebel forces from the Assad regime.

The state-run SANA news agency said “a missile containing a chemical substance” was fired at the village of Khan al-Assal in Aleppo province by “terrorists” — the term it uses for rebels. Deputy Foreign Minister Faysal Mekdad said 31 people were killed.

SANA added that more than 100 others were wounded, some of them critically, and it published pictures showing casualties, including children, on stretchers in what appears to be a hospital ward. None showed signs of physical injuries.

# Grandmother convicted of grandson’s murder

By **Ed White**

Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. — A suburban Detroit grandmother was convicted Tuesday of second-degree murder for killing her teenage grandson last spring, as jurors rejected her claim that she shot him six times in self-defense.

Sandra Layne, 75, cried quietly when she heard the verdict, which was delivered during the first full day of jury deliberations. She was also convicted of using a firearm during a felony and likely faces at least 14 years in prison.

Defense attorney Jerome Sabbota said after the hearing that Layne was “devastated” by the verdict. But

Jonathan Hoffman’s mother, Jennifer Hoffman, said her mother was a “monster” who deserves to go to prison.

“I’m glad she’s put away and can’t do harm to anyone else,” Jennifer Hoffman said outside court. “He was a great kid and didn’t deserve this.”

As Layne was being led out of court, some family members sitting with her 87-year-old husband waved in a show of support, but her view was blocked by a deputy.

Layne fired 10 shots at her 17-year-old grandson, striking him six times over a six-minute span during an argument at their West Bloomfield Township home last May. She never disputed that she killed her grandson, but she testified that she did so because he had hit her and she feared for her safety.

The Oakland County jury had a choice of first-degree murder or lesser charges, or it could have acquitted her based on her argument of self-defense.



Paul Sancya | Associated Press

Sandra Layne begins to testify in the Oakland County Circuit Courtroom of Judge Denise Langford Morris in Pontiac, Mich. on March 13. Layne, 75, was convicted Tuesday of second-degree murder for killing her teenage grandson.

# Supreme Court rules books made abroad can be re-sold online

By **Mark Sherman**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that textbooks and other goods made and sold abroad can be re-sold online and in discount stores without violating U.S. copyright law. The outcome was a huge relief to eBay, Costco and

other businesses that trade in products made outside the U.S.

In a 6-3 opinion, the court threw out a copyright infringement award to publisher John Wiley & Sons against Thai graduate student Supap Kirtsaeng, who used eBay to resell copies of the publisher’s copyrighted books that his relatives first bought abroad at cut-rate prices.

Justice Stephen Breyer said in his opinion for the court that once goods are sold lawfully, whether in the U.S. or elsewhere, publishers and manufacturers lose the protection of U.S. copyright law. “We hold that the ‘first sale’ doctrine applies to copies of a copyrighted work lawfully made abroad,” Breyer said.

In a dissent for herself

and Justices Anthony Kennedy and Antonin Scalia, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said the court was ignoring Congress’ aim of protecting “copyright owners against the unauthorized importation of low-priced, foreign-made copies of their copyrighted works.”

The movie and music businesses, software makers and other manu-

facturers worry that the decision allows unauthorized sales to undercut their businesses.

“The ruling for Kirtsaeng will send a tremor through the publishing industries, harming both U.S. businesses and consumers around the world,” said Keith Kupferschmid, general counsel for the Software & Information Industry Association.



VIEWPOINT

Texas’ testing fails students

On March 12 the Texas House Education Committee approved HB 5, a bill sponsored by Rep. Jimmie Aycock, R-Killeen, that would reduce the number of standardized tests Texas high school students are required to take and eliminate a rule that requires students’ scores on those tests to count toward 15 percent of their final grades. Although the bill has yet to pass both the House and the Senate, its progress makes it more likely much needed repair to the state’s dysfunctional educational assessment program.

Under the state’s current standardized testing scheme, the STAAR exams, students at public high schools take a total of 15 tests covering five subject areas: one each year in math, science, social studies and English, which is split into reading and writing sections. The so-called “15 percent rule” requires that students’ scores on these tests count toward 15 percent of their final grades in each subject area. A lack of guidelines for translating test scores into grades has made implementation of the rule inconsistent across school districts, leading to its suspension for each of the two years it has been in place.

Aycock’s bill follows nearly two years of outcry from educators and parents across the state who are concerned that the current testing routine puts too much pressure on students and fails to assess intellectual growth accurately.

Nearly 86 percent of Texas school districts have passed resolutions condemning the current testing system, according to Aycock. And last year, the superintendents of nine North Texas school districts authored a letter criticizing the state’s testing strategy in particular and educational model in

general, saying, “The system of the past will not prepare our students to lead in the future, and neither will the standardized tests that so dominate instructional time.”

Current students at UT graduated high school never having taken the tests at the root of the current controversy — all Texas public school students who began ninth grade prior to the 2011-2012 school year took the less rigorous TAKS test. So while changes to the state’s standardized testing scheme would not directly impact students already at UT, the extent to which the tests affect overall educational quality at the state’s public schools will determine in part if students are ready for college-level work when they walk onto campus for the first time.

Because UT’s state-mandated admissions policy accepts students who are ranked in the top 10 percent of their high schools (and not in the top 10 percent of students in the state overall), some students arrive on campus better prepared for the rigors of college than others. Inconsistencies in educational quality across school districts and even across high schools within the same districts mean that levels of college readiness vary significantly among new students.

Cassandre Alvarado, assistant dean for assessment and college readiness in the School of Undergraduate Studies says, “What happens in K-12 impacts what we do with our students dramatically.” UT, like all public universities in Texas, is required to provide developmental education to students who enroll at the University but do not meet the academic standards established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. This is significant because results from the first

round of STAAR tests show that only one-third of Texas students would have passed the test with scores indicating they are “college ready.”

Rep. Aycock’s bill calls for students to take tests once during their high school careers in writing, reading, algebra I, biology and U.S. history. According to Aycock, tests in these subjects would adequately demonstrate students’ ability in all other related fields. For example, a student’s competency in biology would indicate a comparable competency in other sciences like physics and chemistry. Our own high school report cards indicate that this is not necessarily the case, so while we may not agree with the specifics of Aycock’s proposal, we do agree that less time spent testing students and more time spent teaching them is a move in the right direction.

Alvarado says that although UT administrators cannot lobby at the Capitol — even when the legislation in question will affect the school — she is confident that lawmakers are seeking policies that will help more Texas students to become college and career ready upon graduation from high school.

For our part, we believe this preparation can be achieved most effectively by spending less time debating the particulars of standardized testing schemes and more time restoring the \$4 billion cut from the state education budget made during the last legislative session. HB 5 promises to bring order to an out-of-control testing regimen, but streamlining end-of-term assessment doesn’t do much to improve the actual instruction and learning the tests are meant to measure and the aspects of education that matter most.

GALLERY



Lauren Moore | Daily Texan Cartoonist

An undocumented life

Jose Manuel Cano

Daily Texan Columnist

There are around 500 undocumented students at UT-Austin, according to Diana Morales, secretary for University Leadership Initiative (ULI). That’s around 1 percent of the UT student population. They are eligible for state grants and loans, but unlike most students, undocumented students cannot apply for federal aid. For high school graduating seniors and the counselors seeking to help them afford college education, there are few clear answers.

There are organizations on and off campus that seek to help, such as ULI, Texas Dream Alliance and the Longhorn Dream Project, all of which work to aid students who need help or have questions. ULI hosts clinics to help students apply for deferred action, which enables students who were brought as children and have a clean record from being deported.

At the end of the day, however, that still leaves their families under the same stress of having to find ways of working, paying for their school, and keeping a clean record to avoid any chance of being separated and deported. The challenges and fears faced by these students show why our current immigration policy is in urgent need of change.

Anayeli Marcos, a UT freshman, is a leader in the Texas DREAM Alliance. She works with ULI to help students fill out their paper work to apply for deferred action, lobbies at the state Capitol and informs others on current student-focused immigration policies in hopes to have them amended. She has become so involved, in fact, that she put off her own application for deferred action until recently.

Like many others, Marcos was brought to this country by her mother as a 6-year-old so that she could meet her father. In elementary school her female peers once told her and a group of her friends they could not play in the playground because they were Mexican. After she ignored the taunts and headed to the playground, a verbal altercation broke out and the principal was alerted.

When the issue was explained to the principal, he accused her and her friends of being at fault and threatened them with expulsion.

In high school, she studied hard hoping to be able to apply to a college, despite knowing the odds were against her. Her parents confessed that they did not believe college would be an option, because money was tight and as an undocumented immigrant, she did not qualify for many scholarships. She desperately wanted to help her parents but she could not work, could not drive and couldn’t do anything but worry. She was alone in her search for help, but she filled out all the applications and paperwork and worked hard enough in high school to graduate in the top 10 percent of her class and receive grants from the state.

Marcos now stands strong in front of many other students and helps relieve them of the same fears and worries she faced not long before attending UT. After joining ULI, she gained a newfound confidence and is currently working with state organizations to lobby for a new immigration policy in hopes that her family and friends can also become citizens.

It is important the immigration issue be resolved now. Hispanics are a large and growing constituency, and many of them are voting for candidates who will support their need for comprehensive reform. Current policies are inadequate and need amending once and for all, for students on campus and across the nation. There are many students at our school and all across the nation who endure more or less the same pressure as Anayeli did with hardworking families who seek an honest living and a lawful path to becoming citizens. These families and students deserve an answer to their question of whether or not they will be able to make their lives here and become equal to the rest of us.

Cano is a journalism and environmental engineering sophomore from Austin.

Invest in dialogue, reject BDS

Tracy Frydberg

Guest Columnist

A large wooden wall painted gray and covered in hand-painted quotes trying to persuade UT students to support the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement stands in the West Mall. The BDS movement is a consumer, academic and cultural boycott of Israel. Thinly veiled as a non-violent movement to further the Palestinian cause, the campaign is an acrimonious attack against the academic integrity and open dialogue on which our campus thrives. Open dialogue and education is the only way to achieve peace in the Middle East, and the BDS movement is in staunch opposition to that fact. The BDS movement takes an extreme position that is no way a reflection of Americans’ core ideas and values, and it has no place on the UT campus.

Leaders in Washington and on campus support a strong U.S.-Israel relationship. Specifically, President Barack Obama and UT Student Government President Thor Lund similarly understand that only through dialogue and education can we achieve peace in the Middle East.

Today, Obama arrives in Jerusalem to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Earlier this month, Lund joined 2,000 students at a pro-Israel conference in Washington, D.C this month to learn about the partnership between the two nations.

As hard as they try, the BDS organizers at UT can’t seem to cut off all ties with Israel. This week PSC members will screen the movie “5 Broken Cameras,” a film critical of Israel but co-directed by an Israeli, funded by Israeli organizations and Israel’s government, and nominated as an Israeli film for an Oscar. Boycotting Israel harms even Israel’s critics.

Support for a Palestinian state and support for the U.S.-Israel relationship are not mutually exclusive. Speaking in Cairo in 2009, Obama called the bond between the U.S. and Israel “unbreakable,” while also making a powerful statement that a Palestinian nation was in all party’s best interests. Addressing the Palestinian Authority and Israel alike he said, “The situation for the Palestinian people is intolerable,” concluding, “America will not turn our backs on the legitimate Palestinian aspiration for dignity, opportunity and a state of their own.”

It’s certainly not Israel holding the Palestinian people back.

The BDS movement takes an extreme position that is no way a reflection of Americans’ core ideas and values, and it has no place on the UT campus.

The 1947 U.N. Partition Plan was the first time Israel accepted a Palestinian state only for it to be rejected by the Arab world. In 2005, Israel unilaterally withdrew all of its troops and citizens from the Gaza Strip. In 2008, Israel offered close to 98 percent of the West Bank and shared control over Jerusalem. None of these peace offerings have moved Palestinian leadership.

While waiting for a peace partner, Israel has become a “startup nation”, a progressive society that allows gays to serve openly in the military, women to comprise 23 percent of Israel’s new parliament and places no limits on freedom of speech or of the press. Israel offers greater freedoms to Arab citizens, who comprise 20 percent of the total population, than any other country in its region. Arab Israelis vote, are represented in parliament and sit on the Supreme Court.

The partnership between the U.S. and Israel strengthens American businesses and security. Microsoft, Google and Apple, Inc. are a few of the approximately 100 companies with active branches in Israel and the countries exchange more than \$78 million worth of goods and services daily. The U.S. and Israel are developing together the most sophisticated anti-missile defense systems and Israeli military innovations are saving American lives in Afghanistan and Iraq.

While not disregarding or distracting from Palestinian issues, the goal of Israel Peace Week is to accurately depict Israel, a nation that, since its founding in 1948, has never seen a second of non-democratic rule, a country that is unabashedly, unequivocally pro-American.

Rather than divesting, our University has an opportunity to invest in dialogue. Our presidents have chosen the path towards peace, and we welcome you to join us.

Frydberg is a Middle Eastern Studies sophomore from San Antonio.



83RD LEGISLATURE



**Becca Gamache** | Daily Texan Staff  
Representative John Smithee, R-Amarillo, listens to testimony on extending benefits for domestic partners for UT and A&M system staff members at a hearing Tuesday afternoon.

## Bill would extend partner benefits

**By Amanda Voeller**

A bill in the Texas Legislature would change the state insurance code to allow plus-one dependents of UT faculty and staff — including same-sex partners — to qualify for benefits.

The House Committee on Insurance heard testimony from proponents of plus-one benefits Tuesday, which would allow the UT and Texas A&M University systems to extend benefits to “certain qualified individuals.”

Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin, filed the bill and said it would be up to the individual systems to define who would qualify.

The McCombs School of Business lost its top management candidate to Duke University because it was unable to offer benefits to the candidate’s partner, said Karen Landolt, director of the HireTexas interview center at the School of Undergraduate Studies. Landolt said incidents like this have happened multiple times at the

University and each time re-opening the search for faculty costs the University \$6,000.

Landolt said because of the absence of plus-one benefits, fewer faculty members with same-sex partners are recruited to UT and this isolates LGBT students because they have fewer staff members they can relate to.

Landolt said people in heterosexual marriages earn \$8,108 more than people in domestic partnerships because people in heterosexual marriages receive more benefits, according to a study by UT’s Human Resource department.

Committee chairman Rep. John Smithee, R-Amarillo, said he is concerned about lowering the bar for the selection of people covered by insurance.

Landolt said the bill would not necessarily apply to only same-sex partners because the UT System Board of Regents could broaden the definition.

The UT Faculty Council passed a resolution Monday encouraging the regents to work with the legislature and ultimately institute

domestic-partner benefits for UT employees.

Rep. Chris Turner, D-Arlington, said extending benefits to opposite-sex partners does not constitute a marriage under the law, and neither does extending benefits to same-sex partners.

The insurance code of the UT and A&M systems states that these schools must be competitive with private industry, and the education code requires these institutions be competitive with other higher education institutions, said Chuck Smith, executive director of Equality Texas, an organization that lobbies the state on LGBT issues. Smith said because UT and A&M do not offer plus-one benefits, they are not in compliance with these codes.

“This is ultimately all about competition,” Smith said. “Enabling this legislation, advancing this legislation would allow our two flagship institutions to be what they were intended to be, and that is leaders not only in the state but leaders across the country.”

83RD LEGISLATURE

## Texas House votes for new UT school

**By Joshua Fechter**

The Texas House of Representatives unanimously passed a bill Tuesday to establish a new UT System university in the Rio Grande Valley.

Lawmakers voted 149-0 to combine UT-Brownsville, UT-Pan American and the Regional Academic Health Center in Harlingen into one institution and allow that institution to access the Permanent University Fund, a \$1.3 billion state endowment that funds the UT and Texas A&M systems. The Regional Academic Health Center, which currently offers residency programs, would gain a medical school that offers medical degrees under the proposal.

Tearing up after the vote, UT-Pan American President Robert Nelsen said the university would provide new educational opportunities to students in the Valley and allow them to attend what may become a tier-one research university.

“When you live in the Valley and you see the need and you see how education changes lives, you can’t help but be emotional,” Nelsen said. “Every child we educate takes one more family out of poverty.”

UT-Brownsville and UT-Pan American are the only UT System institutions that do not currently have access to the Permanent University Fund.

Speaking on the House floor before the vote, Rep.

Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville, said the new “super university” would improve the Valley’s economy, allow students to stay in the region to attend college and help address the statewide doctor shortage.

“The passage of this bill isn’t just good for South Texas, it’s good for all of our state,” Oliveira said.

Oliveira said there are 33 medical residency positions available in the region but an additional 115 slots are expected to be available by 2016 when the medical school is projected to open its doors.

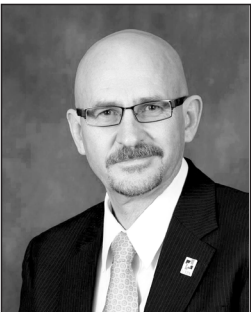
Rep. Sarah Davis, R-West University Place, said she wanted to emphasize that adding new slots in the Valley would not completely solve the statewide doctor shortage.

“My concern is that I don’t want anyone in this House chamber to think that because of this new medical school, we’re in any way going to solve the doctor or physician shortage that we have in this state,” Davis said.

Upon its establishment, the university would have about 28,000 students, research expenditures of more than \$11 million and an endowment of \$70.5 million, according to a report by the House Research Organization.

The institutions involved in the consolidation could save \$6 million in administrative costs, according to the report.

The new university would automatically admit students who currently



**Robert Nelsen**  
UT-PA President

attend the institutions involved in the consolidation.

The UT System is currently committing \$100 million over 10 years for the prospective Valley medical school and will seek \$10 million in annual state funds for the consolidation.

The bill now moves to the Senate, which approved a similar bill last week by a vote of 30-1. Each house must approve the measure by a two-thirds vote for it to take effect.

State Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr., D-Brownsville, said legislation establishing the new university may be on Gov. Rick Perry’s desk within the next few weeks.

During his State of the State address in January, Perry said he supported allowing UT System schools in the Valley to access the Permanent University Fund.

Lucio said 70 to 75 percent of medical students will seek employment in South Texas if they complete their residencies there.

“Ultimately, that is our goal — for them to stay in the Valley,” Lucio said.

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NEWS BRIEFLY

2005 West Campus murder case appealed

The case of the 2005 murder of a UT student could find its way back into court because of previously withheld evidence.

Defense attorney Joseph Turner, who represented Colton Pitonyak, said Tuesday that the Fifth Circuit Court granted his appeal after petitioning the courts on the claim that it was Laura Hall who actually committed the murder, according to KVUE.

In 2007, Pitonyak was convicted for murdering Jennifer Cave in 2005 at his West Campus apartment and then mutilating her body. Pitonyak and Hall then fled to Mexico and were apprehended while attempting to cross back into the U.S. Cave, Pitonyak and Hall were all UT students.

Pitonyak was handed a 55-year prison sentence, while Hall received 10 years for tampering with evidence.

Turner told KVUE that Hall confessed to the murder while in prison, informing other inmates who then reported her confession to prison officials. Turner said these reports were documented in the inmates' files and were never turned over to the defense, and his previous requests for appeal on similar grounds were denied.

Turner said he has been granted an appeal on the issue of a Brady violation, which states that prosecuting bodies cannot withhold evidence that may benefit the defendant, marking an initial step toward an appeal and new trial.

The Fifth Circuit Court, which granted Turner's appeal, has yet to release information regarding the hearing.

—Alberto Long

UNIVERSITY



Gabriella Belzer | Daily Texan Staff

Marc Trachtenburg, professor at the University of California Los Angeles, presents his paper intitled “Kennedy, Vietnam, and Audience Costs” at the Strauss Center for International Security and Law.

UCLA Professor analyzes JFK

By Barak Bullock

A fusion of history and political science took place Tuesday, in a speech about former president John F. Kennedy's handling of the Vietnam War.

University of California at Los Angeles political science professor Marc Trachtenburg articulated the findings of his new research in the lecture “Kennedy, Vietnam, and Audience Costs,” hosted by the Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law.

A historian by training, Trachtenburg has authored many books on international relations, including *The Craft of International History*, which, according to Frank Gavin, director of the Strauss Center, “is absolutely essential reading for anyone who is doing research on international politics.”

“[Trachtenburg] is one of the most important – not just international historians, but conceptual thinkers about international relations,” Gavin said.

The major thrust of

Trachtenburg's lecture concerned the political theory of “audience costs,” which Trachtenburg explained is the price that political figures pay if they back down from a threat, or if they are caught bluffing.

According to Trachtenburg, “If you can adopt policies that are convincing, if you're going to pay a political price if you back down from those threats, your threats...will be taken as convincing and not as bluff.”

For the majority of the lecture, Trachtenburg presented evidence supporting and undermining the audience costs argument in terms of Kennedy's support of the Vietnam War. Trachtenburg posed questions such as ‘would Kennedy have paid a heavy political price from leaving Vietnam?’ and ‘is there any way to know Kennedy's true feelings about the war before his death?’ in his exploration of audience cost theory.

Although Trachtenburg used Kennedy during Vietnam as the example for his theory, he said his overall

effort was to illustrate that utilizing audience costs as an investigative method that can enhance research in political science.

“We're looking at history in such a way as to get it to tell you something about theoretical issues that political scientists are concerned with,” Trachtenburg said. “If you do this sort of exercise, you can get insight into these very important theoretical issues that you can't get any other way.”

Afterwards, The Daily Texan interviewed two Vietnam veterans present at the lecture about their thoughts on Trachtenburg's presentation.

“Politicians and our leaders make statements, and they make statements for all kinds of reasons...but is there a cost?” asked former career officer major general Robert Marquette.

“Personally, I think the cost when it comes to foreign policy statements is nowhere near the cost in things you say to the domestic audience; like gay and lesbian rights,” Marquette said.

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“Being at the Vatican during conclave is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” Thompson said.

Thompson said she is optimistic that Pope Francis will be able to inspire Catholics.

“I hope that he is an engaging leader who can unite the diversity and huge numbers that are in the Catholic Church,” Thompson said.

History sophomore Julianne Staine, who joined Thompson, said there were large crowds of visitors throughout the conclave during the historic event.

“The atmosphere in Rome was pretty crazy,” Staine said. “When we got to the Vatican the media presence was insane. There were hundreds of cameras and photographers and newscasters, and it added considerably to the excitement of the whole thing.”

Religious studies and history professor Virginia Garrard-Burnett said since there have not been any non-European popes in modern times, selecting Francis from Argentina will be a significant change for the church.

“The selection of a Latin American pope is an acknowledgement of the fact that the center of gravity has shifted for the Roman Catholic Church from Europe to the developing world,” Garrard-Burnett said. “The Catholic Church remains very strong in Latin America and Africa, but it is no longer strong in Europe, where people tend to be very secular these days.”

Garrard-Burnett said the Catholic Church has been losing members in Latin America over the past three decades to evangelical Protestantism, and naming a Latin American pontiff may help to slow the movement of Latin Americans leaving the church.

Francis' new role will not



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— Julianne Staine, history sophomore

only affect Latin American Catholics but will also have a global impact, according to Garrard-Burnett.

“The selection of any new pope impacts Catholics in every part of the world,” Garrard-Burnett said. “Pope Francis does not seem to differ from the previous pope on social [and] church issues such as abortion, gay marriage, priestly celibacy or the ordination of women. That probably will not change. However, he is deeply interested in the interests of the poor and he's made that clear already. That's a departure from the Pope Benedict.”

Journalism sophomore Claire Hogan, who traveled with Thompson, said although she is not Catholic she could see the impact the conclave had on those in the Vatican.

“When we ventured to St. Peter's [Basilica], it was almost overwhelming how much excitement there was on the matter,” Hogan said. “People had traveled from all different parts of Europe and the world to witness this piece of religious and cultural history.”

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

CBI offers chance to play

By Christian Corona

It's not the Big Dance. It's not even the NIT.

Whatever happens in the College Basketball Invitational won't change the fact that Texas lost games to Division II Chaminade, dropped its first five games in conference play and finished the regular season with a losing record.

But, by accepting an invitation to the CBI, the Longhorns can give a team that's younger than any other in the country some much-needed seasoning and allow sophomore point guard Myck Kabongo one final opportunity to show NBA scouts what he can do.

"When you've got freshmen and sophomores, I think you want to play as much basketball as you can," head coach Rick Barnes said. "If you're a competitor, you've got to want to play. As disappointed as you might be because you didn't get the ultimate goal that you wanted, you can throw your hands up and say, 'It is what it is,' but we have a chance to play."

Texas goes to Hofheinz Pavilion to face Houston in the first round of the CBI on Wednesday night. The Longhorns (16-17) are 32-31 against the Cougars (19-12) all-time and last faced them in a 71-60 win over Houston in 2000.

If Texas wins Wednesday night, it will face the winner of the George Mason-College of Charleston game in the second round of the CBI next Monday.

"We still should want to play and continue to work,"



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan file photo

Since his return to Texas after a suspension due to NCAA violations, Myck Kabongo has led the team in scoring, rebounds, assists, steals and minutes played. Texas missed its chance to take the stage at the Big Dance but will play in the CBI on Wednesday.

Texas @ Houston	FIRST ROUND	QUARTERFINALS	FIRST ROUND
  <b>Date:</b> Wednesday <b>Time:</b> 8 p.m. <b>On air:</b> AXS TV	<b>March 19</b> George Mason College of Charleston <b>March 20</b> Texas Houston <b>March 20</b> Western Illinois Purdue <b>March 19</b> Vermont Santa Clara	<b>March 25</b> George Mason    Wyoming  Santa Clara	<b>March 20</b> Tulsa Wright State <b>March 20</b> Richmond Bryant <b>March 19</b> Lehigh Wyoming <b>March 20</b> North Dakota State Western Michigan

Barnes said. "If for no other reason, with the games Myck Kabongo missed earlier this year, we should want to play as many games as we can for him to get him as many games as possible."

Kabongo was suspended for the first 23 games of this season for accepting

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Croaker commits, Randle still pending

By Nick Cremona

The Longhorns received their second verbal commitment of the spring when Orlando, Fla. shooting guard Demarcus Croaker announced his plans to attend Texas this coming fall.

Croaker is ranked as the No. 43 shooting guard in the nation, and is the second

player to pledge to Texas in the past two months. The Longhorns' first commitment came in January from Isaiah Taylor, a 6-foot-2 point guard from Houston.

One look at Croaker's senior year highlight reel on YouTube, posted the day of his commitment, and it's clear that he can score and get to the rim at will. His ability to burst past

defenders and find space in the lane is already in full effect, and time in college will only help to refine those skills. He can also handle the ball if he has to, and once he gets a defender in the air on a drive to the basket he can dish the ball off to an open teammate in a flash. Croaker's game

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Demarcus Croaker  
Committed March 19



Julius Randle  
Announces decision Wednesday

BASEBALL



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan file photo

Freshman pitcher Chad Hollingsworth suffered his first loss this year, allowing three runs on four hits in the 1.2 innings he pitched during the Longhorns' loss to the Cougars.

Texas' hitting woes continue

By Peter Sblendorio

After scoring just four runs in three games over the weekend, the Texas batting order is still searching for consistency.

The Longhorns (12-8) again struggled to get going at the plate in their 4-3

loss to Houston (17-4) on Tuesday, as they managed just two extra base hits and failed to record a hit in the final three frames. Texas did all of its damage on offense in the sixth inning, with the big blow being a two-run single off the bat of catcher Jeremy Montalbano.

Despite the loss, head

coach Augie Garrido was pleased with his team's ability to fight back from an early deficit and put together a rally in the sixth inning. Garrido said he had been looking for his team to handle adversity, and he believes that tonight is

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Longhorns can't convert hits to runs in road loss

By Matt Warden

They came, they saw and they blew it again.

Texas' 4-3 loss Tuesday night pushed its record on the road this season to 0-4 and gave it a third loss in the Big 12. The Longhorns never fail to get hits against their opponents, but last night was another example of how stranded base runners seal their fate.

Texas started the game strong behind two strikeouts in the first inning from Chad Hollingsworth. But in the second inning the Cougars used a few base hits to drive in three runs and put the Longhorns on the ropes, a feeling which they are familiar with in losses this season.

The bottom half of the second inning began with Texas inducing a groundout before Houston followed up with a single and double to put two runners in scoring position. The Cougars followed up with a single from Kyle Survance, who stole two bases before scoring on a single.

In the Longhorns' eight

losses this season, five of those contests saw the Longhorns give up two or more runs in at least one inning of action. Texas has started each game strong, but whether because of a lack of focus or a stroke of luck for the opponent, the team folds at certain points.

While this bad luck has plagued the Longhorns in many of their losses, a more troubling statistic is their hits to runners left on base ratio. In four of its eight losses, Texas has stranded more runners than it got on base from hits.

Against Houston, Texas tallied a solid seven hits, but stranded seven runners on base, which is unacceptable for an Augie Garrido team built on playing small ball. The problem obviously isn't getting runners on base, but rather the best hitters not being able to drive them in.

Mark Payton entered Tuesday night's game with a team-best .409 batting average and 15 RBI. His 1-for-3 effort in the loss resembled his

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

New team golden for Phil Dawson

Former Texas kicker Phil Dawson is swapping buckeye trees for a little San Francisco fog.

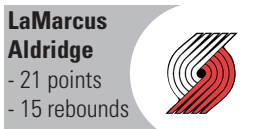
Dawson, who spent 14 seasons with the Cleveland Browns, announced Tuesday via Twitter his decision to head to California. Neither Dawson's agent or a spokesman for the 49ers had confirmed the signing yet, according to the San Jose Mercury News.

"I am humbled & thrilled to have the opportunity to continue my career with my new team, the SF 49ers!" Dawson tweeted.

After graduating from Texas, Dawson signed with the Raiders in 1998 but was waived. He landed a spot with the Browns in 1999. Dawson has completed 27 of 29 field-goal attempts from 40 yards or more in his past two seasons.

—Rachel Thompson

LONGHORNS IN THE NBA





# RECRUIT

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is reminiscent of multiple athletes that have come and gone in the Texas athletics system. For a guy coming out of high school, Croaker has a smooth jumpshot from mid-range and his long-range game is workable. Where Croaker excels is in transition and around the rim. That same mixtape contains several rim-rocking dunks that don't seem possible from a player Croaker's size. At 6-foot-

3 he's not a huge presence, but his quick first step and bounce around the rim are what make him a dangerous scorer. His defensive prowess is another reason Rick Barnes and his staff have kept a close eye on Croaker. When a player can score with such ease like Croaker, it's also important for him to stay active on the defensive end, which should eventually keep him on the court for the majority of games.

He will be competing for playing time in an already crowded backcourt, but given Barnes' willingness to play who he feels gives his team the best advantage, Croaker could crack the lineup before too long. With guys like Sheldon McClellan, Julien Lewis, Javan Felix as well as Taylor all vying for playing time, any minutes Croaker gets will be well earned.

Croaker's commitment

only deepens the Longhorns' youthful bench, and with the nation's No. 1 power forward and No. 3 overall recruit Julius Randle set to pick from Kansas, Kentucky, Florida and Texas on Wednesday afternoon, that bench could get deeper and more talented. Even without a commitment from Randle, the Longhorns seem to be on the right track to bounce back from their forgettable season.

# LOSS

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something they can build off of. "It's very important," Garrido said. "It's actually one of the best games of the year because we were able to rally and put pressure on our opponent from that point forward. We were a little bit back on our heels, moving along through the innings. We really competed from the sixth inning all the way through the rest of the game. It's a good sign and something to build off of for the rest of the season.

They took the responsibility amongst themselves, which is what we have been waiting for."

The Longhorns fell in an early hole as the Cougars scored three runs in the second inning to take a 3-0 lead. Kyle Survance supplied the big hit of the inning with a two-run single, and he would come around to score later in the inning on an RBI single by Josh Vidales.

Starting pitcher Chad Hollingsworth suffered his

roughest start of the season, as he allowed three runs on four hits and lasted just 1.2 innings. The freshman, who saw his ERA jump to 3.86, picked up the loss to fall to 3-1 on the season.

Aaron Garza put together a strong start for Houston, as he limited Texas to three unearned runs in 5.1 innings while striking out six to pick up the win. Chase Wellbrock recorded the save for the Cougars, pitching the final 3.2 innings without allowing

a run.

Outfielder Mark Payton recorded a fourth-inning single to extend his hitting streak to nine games. The junior is batting .406 this season.

Texas is now 3-2 in Tuesday night games and 0-4 on the road in 2013. The Longhorns will look to pick up their first road victory of the season this weekend when they travel to Minneapolis to take on Minnesota in a three-game series.

# CBI

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impermissible benefits this past offseason and providing false statements about the situation.

Texas is 6-4 since he came back, with Kabongo averaging 14.4 points, 5.1 rebounds and 5.5 assists per game during that stretch. The Longhorns were 0-3 in overtime games before Kabongo's return and 3-0 in overtime contests with him on the floor.

A candidate to go pro after his freshman year, the chances Kabongo comes back to Texas for his junior season seem bleak, but he hasn't announced his decision yet.

"I have no idea what Myck wants to do or is thinking," Barnes said. "We sit down and we talk about what we think they need to do to get where they want to be. Just like they have to evaluate where they are, we have to do that as a staff. I think Myck will do just that. He'll decide what's best for him."

As much as they've struggled this year, the Longhorns have had some promising moments. They clobbered North Carolina, a No. 8 seed in the NCAA tournament, 85-67, last December. They logged overtime wins over another couple of teams in the Big Dance, Iowa State and Oklahoma, last month.

"After the North Carolina game, you knew our players were good enough to do it," Barnes said. "It got down to consistency. We weren't ever consistent overall, not everyone, but overall as a team defensively. We just turned the ball over way, way too much. We put ourselves in a position to really help other teams and hurt ourselves."

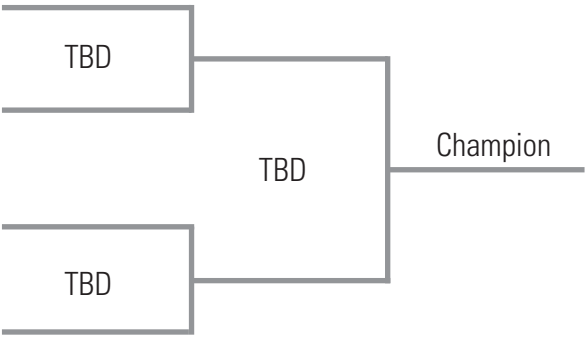
But Texas could never find a way to be consistent long enough to put together a NCAA tournament-worthy resume. So, for now, the Longhorns will do what they can in the CBI.

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# ROAD

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performances in the Longhorns' other road losses this season, in which he went a combined 1-for-12 at the plate.

Payton has emerged as the go-to player to drive in runs for Texas this season but has single handedly left eight runners on base

during the 0-4 road stretch. If Texas wants to find success on the road, especially in games against tough opponents, Payton must pick up his play.

When searching through box scores and recaps of all the Longhorns' eight losses,

it's obvious that pitching isn't the main problem, and it wasn't the biggest one Tuesday night. Texas is currently surrendering an average of 3.75 runs in its losses compared to 2.33 in its wins.

There is a discrepancy, but not one that's large enough to

nullify the fact that the Texas pitchers keep them in games.

Although Texas pitching has folded at certain points in many of its losses, Tuesday night revealed that the team's biggest problem is stranding runners when opportunity knocks.

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OFFBEAT



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UT duo offers offbeat advice

By Juhie Modi

Seniors Austin Roth and Rory Tunningley don't consider themselves professional advice-givers or fortune cookies. But that doesn't stop them from giving their opinions anyway. Spread out on a yoga blanket every Friday in the Six Pack with a misspelled sign that reads "Free Advice," they often give words of wisdom to students who stop by. Roth advises them to invest in their 401Ks. Tunningley advises them not to swim on

a full stomach and to "drop out" because "college sucks." "A lot of professional therapists cost upwards of \$100 an hour," Roth said. "We're free. I don't know if our advice is worth anything more than nothing." Although Roth doesn't consider Tunningley his best friend, in Myspace terms, he describes him as one of his Top 8. After various mid-afternoon coffees and Netflix bonding sessions, they became closer and the roots of the free advice idea took hold. They also got the idea from a man who gives free advice at

White Rock Lake in Dallas. "I knew it was funny and I knew it was stupid, so I didn't care," Tunningley said. "I've been known to do a lot of dumb things in my day, so I wasn't particularly worried about sitting on a lawn with a sign. If someone thinks I'm an idiot, they're more than welcome to think I'm an idiot." But Roth was nervous about advertising free advice because he didn't know if students would think it was funny, stupid or egotistical. "I didn't know if people were going to think that we were just a bunch of

douchebags, like 'look at those guys who think they're better than us, thinking they want to give us advice,'" Roth said. Freshman Ruby Martinez-Berrier said she was skeptical to approach Roth and Tunningley at first because she thought they were hippies. 20 minutes before class, she asked them if she should redo the Spanish homework she left at home and risk getting a bad grade, or if she should ask her professor if she could go pick it up. They advised her to redo it and she got full credit. "They were on top of their game and I thought it was

impressive," Martinez-Berrier said. "They were quirky and seemed like they were caring people [who] wanted to have a life experience." Roth claims that he and Tunningley are not enlightened — although Tunningley disagrees, describing himself as very wise with vast knowledge — but they just want to help people out. "I don't really think I know much more than the average person. I just feel like if you're going to ask your friends for advice, why not ask a stranger for advice?" Roth said. "Your friends aren't probably going

FREE ADVICE

**Who:** UT students Austin Roth and Rory Tunningley  
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to know anything more than we do, on average." They recalled a time when one student came up just to tell them that he tried mushrooms for the first time and his perspective on life changed. "We needed to ask him for advice then," Tunningley said.

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ADVICE COLUMN



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On alarms,  
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*Editor's note: This is an advice column written by in-house know-it-all Riley Brands. All answers are based on personal experience. Brands is not a licensed professional. Questions for Brands can be sent to dtadvice@gmail.com.*

*Dearest Riley,  
Waking up in time for class has always been a huge struggle for me. I set multiple alarms every night and place my phone out of reach so I can't turn it off in my sleep, but nothing I try seems to work. Most of my classes have*

*strict attendance policies, so if I can't pull it together, I fear my grades will suffer. Do you have any tips for an habitual over-sleeper?*  
Sincerely,  
One More Snooze

Dear One More Snooze,  
I'm not sure if placing your phone out of reach is the best idea. You say you're afraid you'll turn it off in your sleep, but has that ever actually happened before? If so, that's both impressive and unfortunate. If nothing wakes you up, you're just

going to have to work with your natural sleep cycle. You can only stay asleep for so long, so the earlier you get to sleep, the better your chances of waking up in time for class. Of course, this is only possible if you finish all your homework before, say, midnight, so cut out the distractions and start giving yourself time limits on assignments so they don't drag on into the night.  
Dearest Riley,  
My boss, who typically responds to my emails quickly,

*has not responded to two important emails in more than 24 hours. Should I be worried? Should I send another email? Should I just wait?*  
Sincerely,  
Impatient Inbox Checker

Dear Impatient Inbox Checker,  
Email etiquette is an obsession of mine. I always try to respond to emails as quickly as I can, even if it's just to confirm that I received them. Because of the importance I place on promptness, I tend to worry when someone is unusually

slow to reply. My mind begins to race as I imagine all the nasty, cutting remarks they could be thinking up. For instance, a few weeks ago I sent a two-page summary to my thesis adviser, expecting a fairly quick turnaround time. But after a week had gone by, the panic set in and I began to expect a completely demolished draft. I very nervously emailed her again and it turned out she had no comments for me and simply

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CITY

Local guitarists bring music to prisoners

By Stephanie Robalino

Once a week at the Travis County Correctional Complex, the sounds of acoustic guitars can be heard resonating throughout the halls of the jail. Thanks to the guitar and songwriting lesson efforts of Austin musicians Kevin Hoetger, Kyle Crusham, Johnny Dango and Todd Thompson, inmates have something to look forward to every week: the opportunity to learn how to play music. "Music is a great way to let out feelings," Crusham said. "What we are providing them with is basically therapy with guitars." Hoetger, Crusham, Dango and Thompson run the Austin chapter of the independent charity Jail Guitar Doors. Founded in 2007 by British rock musician and political activist Billy Bragg, the initiative was first launched in England to provide musical equipment that could be used to rehabilitate inmates serving time in prison. The organization was named after The Clash's 1978 single, "Jail Guitar Doors," which tells the story of the drug-related



Photo courtesy of Jail Guitar Doors

Austin musicians Kevin Hoetger, Kyle Crusham and Johnny Dango are a few of the volunteers who give inmates guitar lessons through Jail Guitar Doors.

imprisonment of Wayne Kramer, the guitarist of rock group MC5. After spending time behind bars and seeing firsthand the limited opportunities for inmates to self-improve, Kramer partnered with Bragg to found Jail Guitar Doors USA in 2009. Jail Guitar Doors' philosophy is this: the prison system is over-full and under-funded, resulting in re-offending at an unacceptably high rate. The organization believes that, as citizens, it is in our interest to help enhance the lives of inmates while they are still in our custody to lower the

chances of that happening. And the musician volunteers are doing just that — providing inmates the opportunity to use music as a tool to better themselves, while directing their lives a little further away from bad decisions. According to Crusham, the vast majority of inmates the charity works with are drug addicts who need to be rehabilitated from addiction, not crime. "What you realize is that they are kind of normal people," Crusham said. "Many of them you could see yourself becoming friends with.

The majority are not murderers. They just did stupid things and got caught." Otis Gibbs, a singer-songwriter from Nashville, performed at the 3rd annual South By Southwest music festival to raise awareness for Jail Guitar Doors. "The way I look at it is that someday, when these people are released, they are going to be our neighbors," Gibbs said. "It's in our own best interest to make sure that they come out of the prison in a much better state of mind than before, rather

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SEX

Steubenville rape case begs consent dicussion



Two high school students, Trent Mays and Ma'lik Richmond, were found guilty Sunday of raping a 16-year-old girl in a controversial case in Steubenville, Ohio. Despite a myriad of photos taken the night of the party on August 11 and the victim reporting she had little recollection of the entire night, much of the arguments focused on victim-blaming and whether alcohol had "substantially impaired" her ability to consent to sex. Although Mays himself texted "LOL, she couldn't even move" after friends wondered how he had sex with "a dead girl," referring to the girl's intoxicated state, defense attorney Walter Madison claimed consent is not an affirmative "yes." Madison told the Cleveland Plain Dealer that what happened wasn't rape because the victim "didn't affirmatively say no." In an article for The Nation, feminist writer Jessica Valenti explored the common theme of victim-blaming by

our court system, writing that "until American culture and law frames sexual consent as proactively, enthusiastically given, there will be no justice for rape victims. It's time for the US to lose the "no" means no" model for understanding sexual assault and focus on "only 'yes' means yes" instead." The Steubenville trial draws attention to the crucial need to engage men and women in conversations regarding sexual assault and how to actively ask for and give consent. Through education in school, we must address what consent is and how to recognize the circumstances in which someone is unable provide consent. The case in Steubenville also brings forth the stark reality that the myth that "all rapists hide in dark alleys" still persists. Although the trial has generated steady media coverage since August, it became apparent during the trial that the two defendants and those involved still had little understanding of what constitutes rape. "It wasn't violent," teammate Evan Westlake told

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## ADVICE COLUMN

# Don't let internship denial turn summer into bummer



## THE WRIGHT STUFF

with Laura Wright

In the past month, high school seniors got the good — or bad — news that comes with college acceptance letters. In that same period, many college students, who no doubt enjoyed putting the stress of acceptance letters behind them, have gotten turned down from their preferred summer internships, jobs and study abroad programs, leaving them to wonder what the hell they're going to do to fend off the mid-year doldrums.

But these students shouldn't be afraid. Summer is just seven weeks away and that is plenty of time to find another option, even if most of the high-profile internships' and study abroad programs' deadlines have already passed. Moreover, one of the best options around is right under your nose: staying in Austin and taking classes at UT, online or at ACC. Below we have compiled a look at your options, and a defense for staying put for summer.

### Internships

Now's the time to get creative with your internship search. Most of the well-established programs' deadlines are closed, leaving you to muscle your way into organizations that may not have traditional internships lined up.

Still, a quick search on *Internships.com* pulled up over 100 summer internships in and around Austin, a good place to start. But just because it's not listed doesn't mean it doesn't exist. Look to local non-profits and start-up companies, where an email to a mid-level exec can put you on their radar.

If you're dreading spending your summer making



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copies, you'd best get over it. Making copies is a great way to get a feel for both an office and an industry, and a summer spent suffering as an underling in a law firm could be just the thing to make you realize you'd prefer pulling your teeth out to attending law school. Do note, however, that suffering from overwork is not terribly useful. Make sure you communicate how many hours you'll work to your employer and stick to that number.

### Jobs

Yes, it's harder to find a paying job in an interesting field than it is to find an unpaid internship, and no one likes to be the one who worked at Wendy's while their friends all flocked overseas or shadowed heart surgeons. But do you like being the one who has started paying off your student loans?

### Classes

There's no degree plan on this campus that doesn't include classes offered during the summer, be it at UT, online or at a community college. Though campus during summer is best described as "swampy," the course offerings are diverse. Taking a half-day of classes all summer may seem uninspired, but it is actually quite productive. By doing this, you could push a year of sciences or two-thirds

of your language requirement out of the way.

Best of all, without your regular extracurriculars, you can focus on and enjoy your coursework in a way the calendar year may not afford you, or get the grades the calendar year may not afford you. Even if you can't find the joy in, say, Intro to World Literature, it's easy to get your course work over with and spend evenings to yourself, taking a trip to Barton Springs, cooking a big dinner or finally beating that video game.

True, what I am offering here is advice, but it's not unfounded. The semester after my freshman year, I traveled to Costa Rica through study abroad, worked at a summer camp for children and adults with special needs and took a road trip to the Grand Canyon. The next summer, an unexpected change in my career path left me without a plan in mid-March. I resolved to take a job as a tutor and finish off two semesters of physics, and my summer turned out wonderfully. I never felt tired, because I had so much time to work, even while working part-time and taking two crucial classes in my degree program. My summer soundbite was simple, but so was my day-to-day life. It was almost like I did the unthinkable and took the summer off.



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## CASE

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Yahoo! News when asked why he didn't stop Richmond and Mays when he witnessed the assault of the non-moving and highly intoxicated girl. "I didn't know exactly what rape was. I always pictured it as forcing yourself on someone."

"That was part of the arrogance," Dan Wetzel, Yahoo! News writer, wrote. "Arrogance from the defendants. Arrogance from the friends. Arrogance within the culture. Arrogance based on the fact that this night, witnesses testified over and over, wasn't strikingly different than any other night in the life of a Big Red football player."

Rather than recognizing the events that unfolded as a violation of human rights and dignity, multiple teens at the party in Steubenville recorded the events, and later jokingly posted the videos and photos on social media.

Recovered Video footage showed the victim naked and passed out with the on-lookers laughing and saying "she's dead" and "I'm going to join the rape crew." Moments prior to the alleged sexual assaults taking place, she laid out in the middle of a street puking in only shorts and a bra as a group of boys offered each other \$3 to urinate on her.

The inaction of the on-lookers and the rape jokes show a tragic way in which rape culture is perpetrated in our society — instead

of standing up for what we know is right, we may feel more compelled to join in with the crowd.

In her book, "Trauma and Recovery," Judith Herman writes, "It is very tempting to take the side of the perpetrator. All the perpetrator asks is that the bystander do nothing. He appeals to the universal desire to see, hear, and speak no evil."

It is crucial that we empower each other and our communities to take active roles in stopping rape and sexual violence when we see it occurring. Until we realize and take collective responsibility that Steubenville is not an isolated incident — that this could have been practically any town or college campus in America — we will not see change.

## DUO

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Students ask for advice about relationships and academics, but they also stop by to vent or chat about what they're doing.

"One girl came up, and I don't know what she ultimately wanted advice on, but she said in the course of four days she had gotten a concussion, tricked

into smoking pot, got way too drunk, and then studied 15 hours for a test, and then during the test she just vomited everywhere and had to leave in the middle of the test," Roth said. "So she said 'What do I do?' and I said, 'Go to sleep! Go home, leave, and stop vomiting all over the place.'"

Roth thinks the reason that people, like this girl, come up to them is because they withhold judgment and are easy to avoid

if people never want to see them again.

"I don't really remember that girl's name," Roth said. "If she came up to me again, I'd say 'Hey, you're the one who puked in the bushes' but she's not really a close friend of mine. She's not in the Top 8. I'll help her out as much as she needs, but in the end, she just walked away and I'll never see her again. That's kind of cool. Just being able to talk to someone and never see them again."

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## RILEY

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forgot she hadn't emailed me back. All that to say there's probably no reason to worry. If she's usually quick to respond, she probably had something come up or just has a backlog of emails to catch up on. Since it's an important matter, I'd say wait another day and then send a gentle reminder, perhaps with a delivery receipt, and if that fails, call or text her to get this sorted out.

## GUITAR

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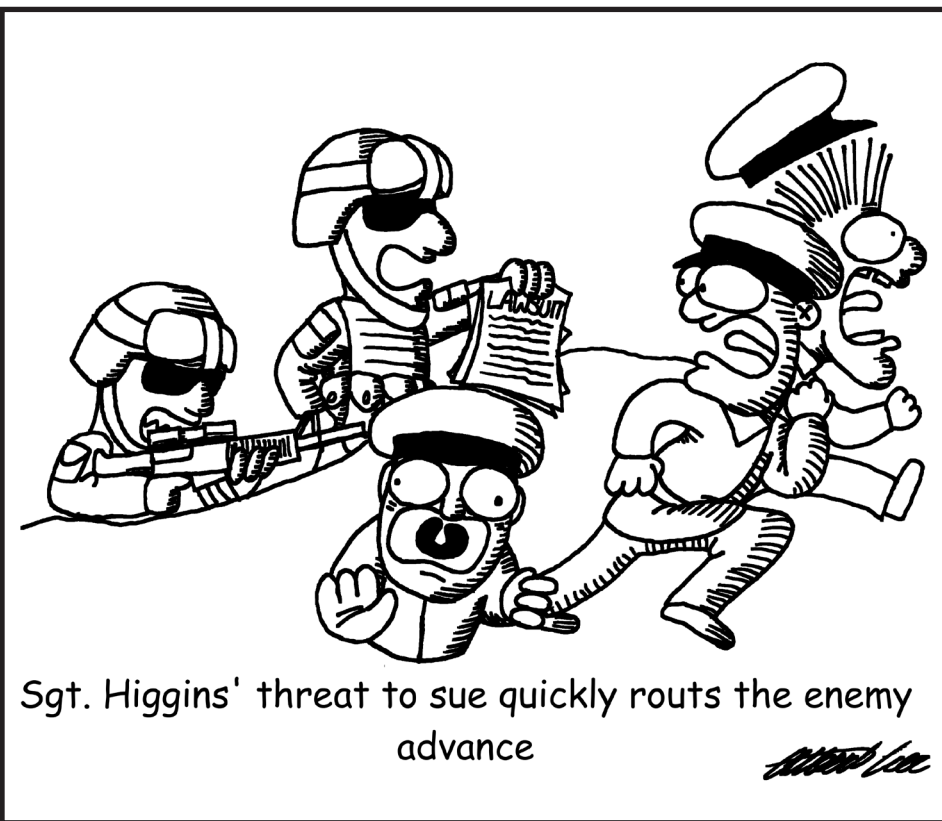
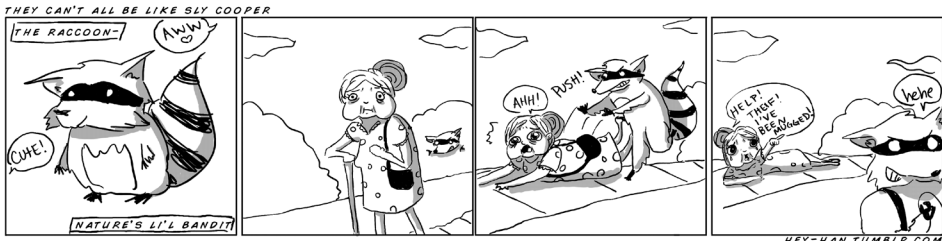
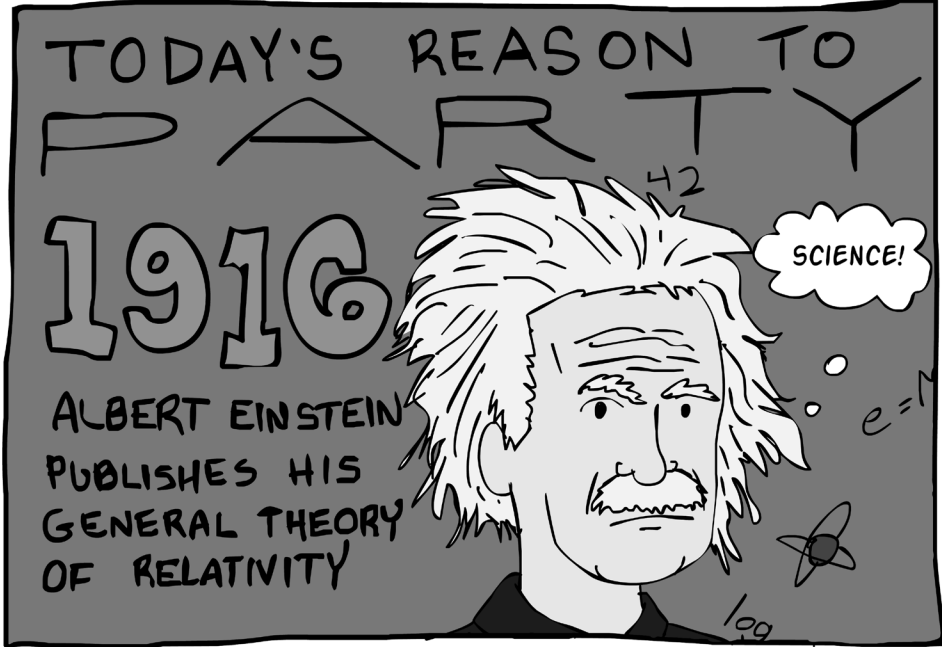
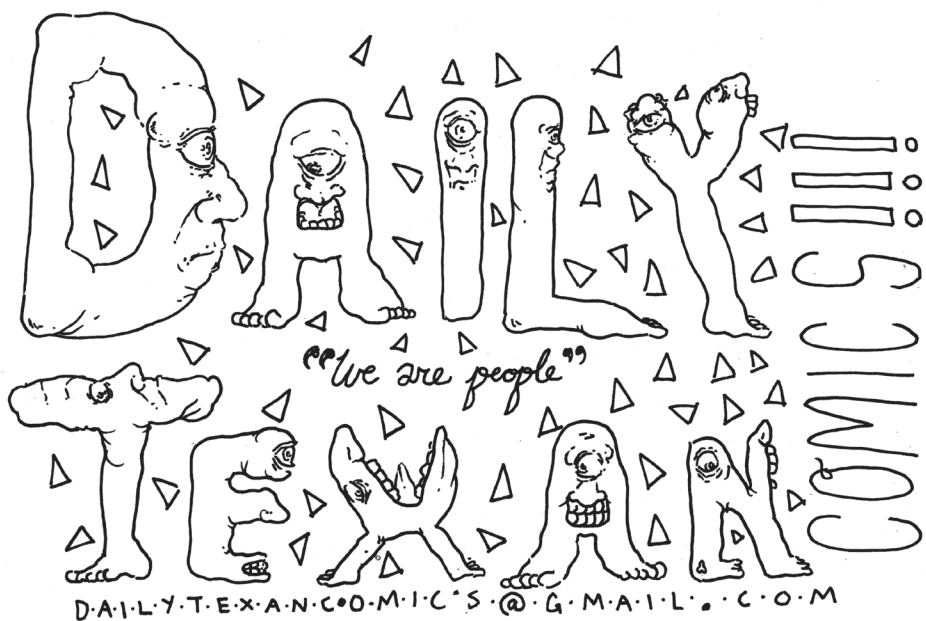
than pent up emotionally." Gibbs said Jail Guitar Doors is not only popular with the inmates, but with the wardens as well.

"The wardens love the program," Gibbs said. "They believe it has immensely helped the rehabilitation process among inmates. They have recognized that there seem to be people that are released that are now on a better path."

Hoetger believes that making personal connections and giving inmates a feeling that people actually care about them will bring about the greatest change in our prisons, more so than any government grant.

"These music lessons are the highlights of their week," Hoetger said. "Just a single hour when they get to strum on a guitar or even simply engage in a conversation gets them one step closer on the road to rehabilitation."



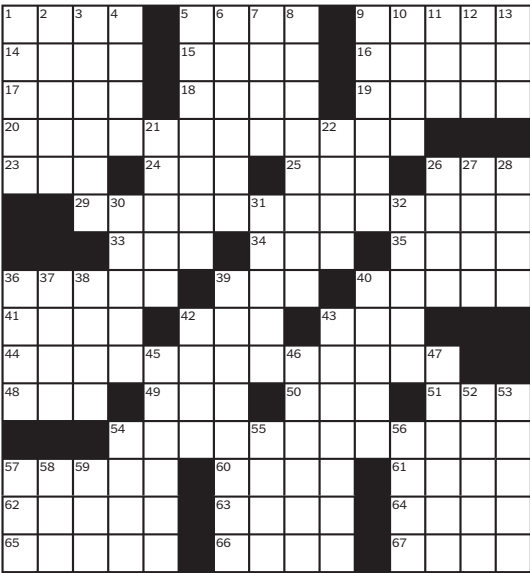


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  - 15 P to Pythagoras
  - 16 Pricing word
  - 17 Senior softballers, e.g.?
  - 19 LAX monitor info
  - 20 "The Turner Diaries" conflict
  - 21 Flux (Charlize Theron role)
  - 22 Star in Cygnus
  - 25 K-9 Corps member?
  - 27 Gooney camp fare
  - 29 CNN's Barnett and others
  - 30 Counterpart of long.
  - 31 Had down cold
  - 32 Descartes's sum, translated
  - 36 Former first lady sporting a different outfit?
  - 41 El Al hub city
  - 42 Tries to win
  - 43 Make "it"
  - 45 Greyhound lookalike
  - 48 Magician's hiding spot
  - 51 Small-screen performance of "Hamlet," e.g.?
  - 55 Missed the mark
  - 56 Thai currency
  - 57 Broadway title character who sings "Tea for Two"
  - 59 Vacation time in Versailles
  - 60 King, queen or jack?
  - 64 Lineage-based women's org.
  - 65 Ore suffix
  - 66 Sparkly component of face paint
  - 67 Fore
- DOWN**
- 1 Fig. on an I.R.S. schedule
  - 2 "Well, \_\_\_-di-dah!"
  - 3 Barley wine, really
  - 4 Fun house worker, maybe
  - 5 Zimbabwean strongman Robert
  - 6 Author Waugh
  - 7 Lesser-played half of a 45
  - 8 Nymph of Mount Ida, e.g.
  - 9 Use plastic
  - 10 Certain turkey
  - 11 Dash component
  - 12 Prepare for next year's models, say
  - 13 Cousins of chimps
  - 18 Pan Am rival
  - 21 "What \_\_\_" ("Ho-hum")
  - 22 Cable alternative, for short
  - 23 Mus. key with four sharps
  - 24 A few bricks short of a load
  - 26 CNN's Burnett
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  - 34 "\_\_\_ knows?"
  - 37 Try to win

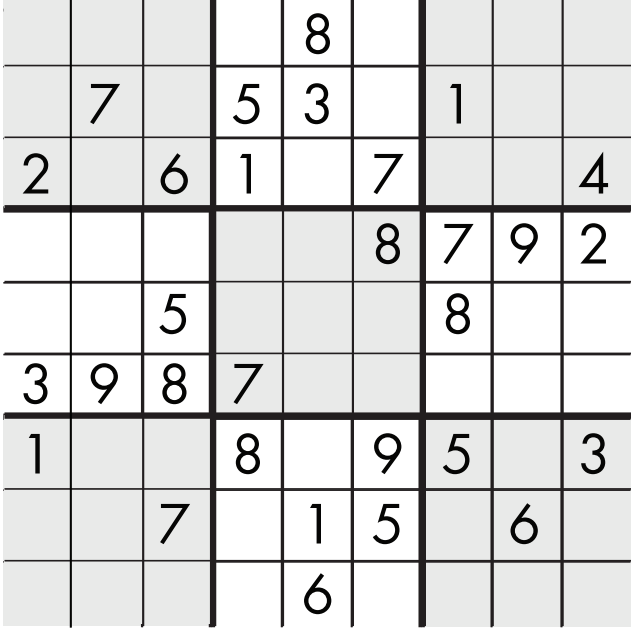


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- 45 "Venerable" monk of old England
- 46 First movie to gross more than \$2 billion (2009)
- 47 Put a match to
- 49 Allow to expire
- 50 Puts up
- 52 Relaxed
- 53 Paternity suit evidence
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